

CHAPTER 11

REASSIGNMENT TO DUTY CHOICE FOR LAST TWO YEARS PRIOR TO COMPLETING  
30 YEARS OR MORE ACTIVE SERVICE (TWILIGHT TOUR)

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REASSIGNMENT TO DUTY CHOICE FOR LAST TWO YEARS  
PRIOR TO COMPLETING 30 OR MORE YEARS ACTIVE SERVICE (TWILIGHT TOUR)

11.0 GENERAL INFORMATION.

This chapter sets forth eligibility criteria for requesting assignment to the area of member's choice, for the last tour of active duty, for individuals who will thereby complete 30 or more years of active duty.

11.01 ELIGIBILITY.

Enlisted personnel eligible for voluntary non-disability retirement (i.e., who will complete either 30 years active duty day for day or 30 years active service computed by including constructive service, less minority enlistment constructive service credit, earned prior to 1 January 1978) are eligible for assignment under the provisions of this chapter. It should be noted that personnel previously transferred to the Fleet Reserve, who are serving on active duty, are placed on the Retired List, without application, in accordance with MILPERSMAN 1820-010. Accordingly, Fleet Reservists on active duty are ineligible for reassignment under the provisions of this chapter even though they have been on continuous active duty for their entire period of service. Furthermore, personnel approaching retirement eligibility, and who are currently serving a tour of overseas duty, are cautioned of the fact that the requirement to complete the DOD area tour may disallow their eligibility to request a Twilight Tour, if it will result in exceeding 30 years and their rate/rating is not approved for retention beyond 30 years.

NOTE: Enlisted personnel with more than 28 years service who have not previously requested a Twilight Tour may do so. However, approval is contingent upon being continued on active duty beyond 30 years to cover the time for the required activity tour.

11.02 CHOICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

- Although the needs of the service must prevail, personnel may request assignment to the geographic area of their choice (specific cities, localities or units may be identified). Overseas areas may be requested; however, members will be required to complete the applicable DOD accompanied or all others tour for the area to which assigned. Although a Twilight Tour is normally for two years, members with dependents desiring an overseas area may elect an accompanied tour of 30 to 36 months where applicable.
- Personnel will be assigned in accordance with their normal sea/shore rotation to an activity within the geographic area of their choice, provided a requirement for the member's rate/rating is available. Detailers are authorized to make a one paygrade substitution between the member's paygrade and the requirement in making such assignments.

### 11.03 REQUESTING PROCEDURES.

Regular Navy personnel eligible for voluntary retirement who desire reassignment under the provisions of this Chapter shall submit applications for retirement as prescribed in MILPERSMAN 1810-020. Requests for reassignment shall be submitted in letter format and forwarded as an enclosure to the member's request for voluntary retirement. Requests should be submitted at least 4 months but no more than 8 months in advance of the requested commencement of Twilight Tour. (Since many personnel have constructive time which is authorized in computation of retirement eligibility, some flexibility exists in selecting an effective date of retirement as the date chosen may be between initial eligibility for retirement and a date not later than 29 days after the date of completion of 30 years day-for-day active duty. Note, however, that the effective date of retirement must by law be the first day of a month.) Reserve personnel designated as Training and Administration of Reserve (TAR) who will complete at least 30 years of active duty service and desire reassignment under the provisions of this chapter must submit applications for transfer to the Fleet Reserve as prescribed in MILPERSMAN 1830-040. Requests for reassignment shall be submitted in letter format and forwarded as an enclosure to the member's request for transfer to the Fleet Reserve (copy to Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Personnel Center, Code 30). Requests should be submitted, at least four months, but no more than eight months in advance of the desired commencement of the Twilight Tour.

### 11.04 FORWARDING OF REQUESTS.

Commanding officers shall promptly forward all requests from eligible personnel submitted in accordance with this directive to COMNAVPERSCOM. Applicants are subject to no eligibility requirements other than those prescribed by MILPERSMAN, article 3.072 of this manual, and this Chapter. Approval of Twilight Tour commencing after the 28th year constitutes approval of continuation beyond 30 years only for that period of time required to complete the appropriate activity/area tour. Should doubt exist as to the individual's eligibility the request will be promptly forwarded and a determination will be made by COMNAVPERSCOM. If the commanding officer recommends disapproval of such request in his/her endorsement, the reason for such recommendation must be stated in his/her endorsement, to assist COMNAVPERSCOM in making a decision.

### 11.05 REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION OF DATE OF RETIREMENT OR FOR CONTINUATION ON ACTIVE DUTY IN RETIRED STATUS.

Normally, requests for cancellation or modification of date of retirement, or requests for retention on active duty in a retired status submitted by personnel who have been reassigned under the provisions of this Chapter will not be approved. Only in exceptional circumstances involving severe hardship or critical rating shortage will SECNAV revise the date of retirement, or COMNAVPERSCOM retain retired personnel on active duty. Requests for transfer to the Fleet Reserve will not be approved if the individual has an approved retirement date in conjunction with a Twilight Tour except in unusual circumstances.